

## **BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS**

**The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held Monday, Oct. 27, 2008; meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Norman Blank, Robert Miner, James Sousa, Jon Ulmschneider, Christopher Stanley, & Carolyn O'Brien. Also: Norman Guertin & Omer Letellier.**

**Minutes from previous meeting read. R. Miner made motion, with second by J. Ulmschneider to accept as submitted; motion passed unanimously.**

### **Correspondence:**

**„« Individual company correspondence distributed.**

**„« Bills from Mike & Wayne's given to Eng. 1 & 3 again; still not paid.**

**„« Thank you letter from Swansea fire chief read/distributed.**

### **Old Business:**

**„« Membership lists S.S. numbers ✓ Still not received Ladder I list.**

**„« Driving Fire Apparatus ✓ Chief having a grant written to try to use toward tear-away vests, and traffic cones for use in drivers training.**

**„« Hep B Shots ✓ Jim Hayes, Norman Guertin & Mark DiSantos to be placed on list.**

### **New Business:**

**„« Truck/Room Steward list updated.**

**„« New Ladder I jV Chief needs to purchase wheel chucks. Pike poles and stoke stretcher may be donated. Ground ladders now to be included with truck. Chief commended N. Guertin for working with Ladder members on drivers training.**

**„« Updated Emergency Access Box listing distributed; Crossroad Pub and approximately 20 others still to be installed.**

### **Station Reports:**

**„« Station 6 jV Chief needs to get information to Bill Nash. He also needs to start meeting with everyone; J. Sousa said he would like to go out to bid soon.**

**„« Station 3 jV Does not yet have generator. Chief wants N. Blank to check prices for natural gas ones, similar to the one at Station 5. Cost should be around \$10,000.**

**„« List of problems with Eng. 5 given to Chief. Truck is leaking. Will be meeting with John Healey within the next week or so re: new truck.**

**„« Chief reminded everyone to keep overhead doors closed, lower the heat, and turn lights off when leaving stations. Heat/electric bills are averaging \$260 month per station.**

**„« Mobile Fire was due in today for apparatus maintenance, but did not show up or call. N. Blank suggested going out to bid for a company to do preventative maintenance.**

### **Training:**

**„« November calendar distributed.**

**„« Parker Mills walk-through had to be re-scheduled.**

**„« Second boating safety class Nov. 25th.**

**„« Training Room basically finished. Venetian blinds, projector, tables, etc. being ordered. Only problem is there are no bathroom facilities; Harbor Master does not want fire department using his.**

**„« Thermal Imager drill being planned for sometime in December.**

**„« Date to be determined sometime in Jan. for a blood-borne pathogen class; this will be mandatory for all.**

**„« Water Shuttle Drill ¶ Chief stated we cannot use ball valves on Swansea hydrants. In the future, Swansea Fire Dept. is to be called to sit on their hydrants when we use them. Chief will contact Water Authority for possible donation of gated valves. Other than having the Swansea pipe break at the end, the drill went well; we were able to last about 27 minutes before we had no water.**

**„« Officers Test scheduled for Dec. 7th, 1100 hours, at Sta. 3. Anyone who has not taken test within last two years and wishes to be an officer must take test; results will be valid for two years. N. Blank to contact Ken McPhillips to prepare the test.**

**Other:**

**„« Possible problem with how a dispatcher is sending apparatus discussed.**

**„« Chief informed J. Ulmschneider of an Eng. 5 member who stated he wanted to ¶ the new Ladder I because it has too many ¶ and is too big. Chief informed J. Ulmschneider he would disclose name of individual to him in private.**

**There being no further business to discuss, J. Ulmschneider made motion, with second by J. Sousa, to adjourn. Motion unanimously passed; meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**